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TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
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Leon, Cattaraugus Co. N. York.
January 30th, 1862.

Sir—

I must beg to say, in assuming the liberty of addressing you, that I could only notice with extreme interest, as well as with sentiments of profound admiration, your brilliant labors in advancing Natural Science — the valuable contributions which you have rendered in the interesting department of Botony, which yields to no researches the most beautiful flowering in the wider domain of Natural History — has well entitled your name to the fairest awards & endearing fame.

I had the pleasure of mailing to you, I think in July, a copy of my report on Ancient Monuments of Western N. York - which I was enabled to transmit under frank of our M.C. Hon. R. E. Fenton - and I trust the dept may have duly reached you. - I should place great value upon your opinion respecting this big memoir. — I had resume of the subject put in March No. of "Cos. Smithsonian Contributions" which you may have seen.

I may perhaps here observe in mentioning, that I propose to make survey of other Earthworks in the region contiguous to Lake Erie - and to institute somewhat extended enquiries relating to antiquities upon Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

I also intend, in accordance with request of N. Y. Lyceum of Natural

History, to make [illegible] during the coming [illegible] respecting natural History, including Geology, Botany, &c., of this portion of the State, I shall be much gratified in your giving me any suggestions relating to this subject, as they cannot fail in being of inestimable value.

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Permit me here to mention that the Geogic Library of which I have charge, was instituted in 1853, with object of establishing a collection which should afford facilities of general research in departments of Literature, Science, and Art, I think is now the most extensive, particularly in works of scientific character, of any Library in this section of the State - large and valuable additions, from time

stitution, Authors, &c. having been made during the past season.

It has occurred to me, that perhaps, it might be at your convenience to confer the very great favor, which I assure you would be amply appreciated, of presenting our Institution with a copy of your Published Works, as, — "Flora of North America; containing abridged Descriptions of all the known indigenous and naturalized Plants growing north of Mexico, &c" (2 vols) — "Plantae Fremontianae; or, description of plants collected by Col. J. C. Fremont, in California, 4to" — "Observations on the Rubus Maritima of Linnaeus, 4to" — "On the Darlingtonia Californica, a new pitcher plant from North Carolina, 4to" — with any other of your Publications — and, as

they would be most invaluable for purpose of study and reference in Library, as well as of particular interest, if not indispensible, in my own researches, we shall be pleased under profound and most grateful obligation. — May I suggest that, if it would not be in your power to contribute a copy of the "Flora of North America" referred to — perhaps, it then might be at your convenience to send copy of — "Flora of the Northern and Middle States of the United States, — &c. &c."

I need scarcely say, that any volumes which you may contribute, will be prized, not more for their scientific value, than as memento associated with your illustrious name.

I will beg to request, if at your convenience, that you may please place the parcel (addressed to me) in hands of the Librarian of the New-York Lyceum of Natural History, University Medical College, 14th st. New-York — as, otherwise, it will have kindness to receive, and finally transmit any parcels from Austria, Austria, at your city, designed for our Library.

I must say, that I will be very glad if you may allow your valuable influence towards procuring the series of Publications of the 'Lyceum of Natural History' for our Library — it is a desideratum to render complete as possible our extended series of

Trunk of learned societies.

It will afford me extreme pleasure in your allowing the favour of writing me, at your early convenience. The reminiscence would form one of the most gratifying memories of my life. I will indulge the anticipation that you may write me, soon. Thus I can only return my grateful acknowledgment. — Please excuse this hurried letter.

I am, with great respect,
Very truly, Yours.
J. Aspinwall Cheney.

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